

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

- I would like to begin by talking just briefly about these extremely unusual tornadoes that swept through the mainland just last week on Friday.
- What was so unprecedented about these tornadoes, was both the scope of their path numerically, and the timing of their striking seasonally.
- First and foremost, we need to pray for comfort for those who lost loved ones. It seems the loss of life is still mounting, as the death toll is rising.

- Be that as it may, and suffice it to say, at least for today, there's another component to this, and, I am praying about addressing this next week.
- What I'm referring to is the uncanny connection of so-called "natural disasters" here in the United States with our foreign policy related to Israel.
- I am neither a statistician nor a mathematician but the odds of every catastrophic event being merely coincidental would have to be incalculable.

- The jury is still out this week as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meets with Obama here in the U.S. We'll just have to wait and see.
- I have to confess that I am not at all optimistic about what will come from that meeting, which is over the issues pertaining to an Iranian attack.
- One news source said it best this way; "perhaps no meeting they've had over the past three years carried as much importance as this one will."

- One final thought before we get to our prophecy update for today. Obama just addressed AIPAC, (American Israel Public Affairs Committee).
- If this speech is any indication of how tomorrow's meeting with Netanyahu will go, then we need look no further than this for what happens next.
- By that I mean, Israel is on her own, and she knows it, which is why it shouldn't come as any surprise that they won't rely on the United States.

- For today's prophecy update I'll venture, though with great reluctance and hesitance, into an area that's been the subject of much speculation.
- What I'm speaking of is none other than the Anti-Christ himself. It's important to know that he will come in the place of Christ, and exalt himself.
- The reason for my reluctance and hesitance to tackle such a touchy topic, is that many have erred in their attempts to identify who this man is.

- Please know, I in no way intend to do this for a number of reasons not the least of which is that I'm looking for Jesus Christ, not the Anti-Christ.
- However, I do believe that I'd be grossly remiss were I not to, at the very least, address the matter, for what should be deemed obvious reasons.
- Namely, at the risk of sounding sensational, that the Anti-Christ is likely, already on the scene, but he has not been revealed as such, just yet.

- It's for this reason that it's incumbent upon me to talk about what I see as the perfect geopolitical environment in which the Anti-Christ will come.
- Furthermore, when he does come, he will hit the ground running, so-to-speak, because everything will be out of his way, and put into place.
- You may be surprised to learn that the only time the name "Antichrist" is mentioned in the Bible is in the Apostle John's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistles.

**1 John 2:18 NKJV** Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

**1 John 4:1-3 NKJV** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. (2) By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, (3) and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

- These passages and others like them beg the question of how we can know that it is the last hour, and that the Antichrist is already in the world.
- Perhaps you will indulge me for just a moment and consider the following thoughts as to why it is that we are indeed in the very last hour of time.
- Let me hasten to say, by way of a preface, everything we see happening in the world today, is coming to pass with a perfect prophetic precision.

- As a matter of a fact, today in Russia, it's already a foregone conclusion that one Vladimir Putin will once again take the helm of his Russia.
- If you're interested in studying and researching this further, what you will find is that Putin has re-emerged as the Bear of Russia, claws and all.
- Actually, most Russians today still recognize the bear as their national symbol. The significance of this is that bears are known to seek revenge.

I happened upon an interesting article from back in August of 2007, which bore the title; "The Arctic mission is Putin's revenge on the USA for Alaska." In it they say, "...it looks as if ...Europe will be more dependent on the Russian energy resources, and that the USA will follow Europe's fate. That would be Putin's sweet revenge on the USA for 'buying off Alaska from Russia'."

<http://irzikevicius.wordpress.com/2007/08/07/the-arctic-mission-is-putin's-revenge-on-the-usa-for-alaska/>

More recently just last February the 13<sup>th</sup>, The Geopolitical Monitor ran a story titled; "Putin Reawakens the Russian Bear." Here's an excerpt from that article; "Coverage of Vladimir Putin's impending return to [the Presidency of Russia](#) on March 4th has so far focused almost exclusively on the menace posed to Russia's teetering democracy. Conspicuously, little analysis has been offered regarding the impact Putin's eminent reprisal of the Kremlin's top job is having on Russia's foreign policy – particularly when it comes to how political events are playing out in Syria and the Middle East. ...Now that [Putin](#) has emerged for Round Two of his Kremlin tenure (if he ever in fact disappeared), the Russian Bear is once again showing its claws – and it bodes poorly for progressive forces caught in the gigantic power play between the Kremlin and the White House.

<http://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/putin-reawakens-the-russian-bear-4610/>

Just last Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Joel Rosenberg, on his blog had some very fascinating insight in a post he titles; "NEW CZAR RISING: Russia's election on March 4 may prove a bigger deal than our own." Here's what he had to say; "More than anything, Putin wants to regain and reassert the glory and the power of Mother Russia. That means he wants to expand her territory and enlarge her borders. Since 2000, he has, in fact, been building strategic alliances with Islamic countries throughout North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. He has sold billions of dollars worth of arms to Iran, Syria, Algeria, Libya, Sudan and other Islamic powers. He's been particularly vocal in defending the tyrants in Tehran and Damascus."

<http://flashtrafficblog.wordpress.com/2012/03/01/new-czar-rising-russias-election-on-march-4-may-prove-a-bigger-deal-than-our-own/>

- If this is starting to sound exactly like the prophecy found in Ezekiel 38, that's because it's exactly what we see in the prophecy in Ezekiel 38.
- Am I saying that Vladimir Putin is the Antichrist; "absolutely not he cannot be," chiefly because of you and me, and the fact that we are still here.
- In other words, the Antichrist cannot be revealed, until the bride of Christ is removed. Once we are raptured out of this evil world, it's show time.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 NKJV (3) Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, (4) who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

- I would suggest to you that the removing, and or replacing, of world leaders religiously, politically, and even economically, are, suspect at best.
- All you have to do is rewind back to Saddam Hussein in Iraq, then fast forward to Mubarak in Egypt, Gadhafi in Libya, and soon Assad in Syria.
- Keep in mind that all these world leaders were in power for decades, then couple with that, the conspicuous absence of any heir apparent.

- What strikes me is that this has all happened in less than one decade. Add to that, the replacement of the IMF Chief under a cloud of suspicion.
- Don't forget about one Osama Bin Laden. Where's the Al Qaeda replacement? That's not all you also have to factor in the Pope's replacement.
- It's been reported that the current Pope is likely to retire this year, which presupposes he's not assassinated first, as some have boldly inferred.

- By the way I don't know if you are aware of this but this year is an election year for the President of the United States. Yes, it's shocking, I know.
- You'll forgive me if I come across as being cute and coy, I certainly don't wish for it to be seen in that way, but I do have to say, it's now any day.
- The reason I say that, and believe that, is that, if the Anti-Christ can't be revealed until we're removed, but is already to go, then aren't we gone?

Luke 21:28 NKJV Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."